

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken for exploration of iron ore there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) had conducted investigation for Magnetitic Iron ore at Kodachadri Hills in Shimoga District of Karnataka and has estimated the presence of this mineral to the extent of 568.73 million tonnes in the Thirthabare Block of Kodachadri Hills, with Iron Ore content varying from 19.97% to 52.79%. In addition, National Mineral development Corporation Ltd (NMDC), a Central Public Sector Undertaking, also carried out initial exploratory work on a small Hematite Deposit at Kodabari, which is a part of the Kodachadri Hills and estimated reserves of 25 million tonnes of grade FE 60-62%.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Damage to Irrigation Projects in Uttar Pradesh by Earthquake

3489. SHRI RAM BADAN:
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SULTANPURI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the repercussions of the recent earthquake on irrigation projects in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the National Water Development Agency has conducted any study to assess the damage caused to the Pauri-Garhwal Dam by the earthquake;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the recommendations made by the Agency in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) the Government of Uttar Pradesh, based on preliminary estimates, have assessed the damages in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh to irrigation works such as irrigation channels, permanent and temporary residential and office buildings, roads, retaining walls and the power house at Tilo as approximate by Rupees five crores.

(b) to (d). There is no dam by the name of Pauri Garhwal dam. The earthquake has however caused no damage to the constructed structure of Tehri Dam like the head race tunnels, diversions tunnels and dam foundation. The National Water Development Agency has not conducted any study in this regard.

Coal Deposits in Maharashtra

3490. SHRI VILAS MUTTONWAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are large deposits of coal in Murpar, Nand and Bandergram of Chanderpur district in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity thereof; and

(c) the time by which the mining work is likely to be started there and the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). The details of coal reserves which have been estimated in Morpar, Nand and Bander Blocks of Chanderpur district are as under:-